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power was safely established in Java. But philanthropic work which has recently been started among the natives and which tends to "educate" and "enlighten" them has greatly endangered the position of the Dutch; the claim that the servant is the equal of his master is being misunderstood here as on many other occasions, and what was meant for the good of the natives is fast developing into a menace to the safety of the established power. Considering the comparatively small resources of the mother country in case of a rebellion, this appears to be a more imminent danger than the rivalry of the other Powers interested in the Indian seas.

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A History of the American Whale Fishery. By Walter S. Tower.

(Publications of the University of Pennsylvania, Series in Political Economy and Public Law, No. 20.) x and 145 pp., Appendices and Index. The John C. Winston Co., Selling Agents, Philadelphia, 1907. (Price, \$1.50.)

The book treats very adequately of a former great industry in the United States. Other histories of the American whale fisheries have been written, but none of them is so complete as this work in its statement of essential facts. The book, moreover, does not merely record events, but also shows the great influence of whaling, in its day, as a social and economic factor. It gives a comprehensive view of the origin and growth of the fishery from Colonial days to the present time, introducing the subject with a chapter on the origin of whaling in Europe. In the later chapters Mr. Tower tells of the ups and downs of the American industry and interprets the conditions which promoted prosperity or depression in it. All the available statistics and a bibliography appear in the appendices.

Costa Rica. By José Segarra y Joaquín Juliá. 655 pp. and Illustrations. Avelino Alsina, San José, 1907.

A comprehensive and popular description of Costa Rica, chiefly for the use of tourists. It treats of the geography, the resources, activities, and intellectual position of the country.

Quelques Peuplades du district de l'Uelé. Fascicule I. Introduction. Les Ababua. Par Joseph Halkin. 155 pp. D. Cormaux, Liege, 1907.

Dr. Halkin's book contains the responses from Europeans in the Congo to a list of ethnographical and sociological questions published by the Belgian Sociological Society; also extracts from the writings of explorers and ethnographers. The large amount of information concerning the Ababua is very methodically classified.

The Oxford Geographies. Vol. III. The Senior Geography. By A. J. and F. D. Herbertson. viii and 363 pp., 117 Maps and Diagrams and Index. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1907. (Price, 2s. 6d.)

This is the third and last book in a series designed to fit candidates for preliminary junior and senior examinations. The first book is largely descriptive, presenting definite pictures of the regions of the globe with an outline of the chief topographic features. The second or junior book presents a causal treatment of geography and gives special attention to the interrelation between the surface forms of the earth, climate, vegetation, and human activities. The third volume considers the world according to its natural regions, political and other divisions